



**SPECIAL
CASCADE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING**

January 11, 2016

**COMMISSION CHAMBERS
COURTHOUSE ANNEX, ROOM 111**

1:30 p.m.

Notice: These minutes are paraphrased and reflect the proceedings of the Board of Commissioners. MCA 7-4-2611 (2) (b). These minutes were officially approved at the February 9, 2016 Commission meeting.

PRESENT:

Commission: Madam Chair Jane Weber, Commissioners Joe Briggs and Jim Larson.

Attendance: Matt Meade, Roger Witt, Andrew Newcomer, Paul Gallardo, Carey Ann Shannon and Marie Johnson.

CALL TO ORDER: Madam Chair Weber called the special meeting to order.

SPECIAL MEETING ITEM #1

Vaughn Water & Sewer District Board Appointments

Carey Ann Shannon stated that there have been some concerns about the Vaughn Water & Sewer District Board. She has asked for this special meeting to discuss a possible solution to avoid the lawsuit that Rina Fontana Moore has filed. She also noted that the Commission would like to handle this in a positive manner, so that the Vaughn Water & Sewer Board could function and collaborate.

Roger Witt announced that they have come to a solution that they thought might make everyone happy. As suggested by Rina Fontana Moore they felt it in everyone's best interest to fill the Vaughn Water & Sewer Board by appointment. He stated that at this present time there were two members; Bill Emerson-President, and Sean Beach and that they will be appointing another person. Mr. Witt also suggested that the Commission recommend the other candidates for the 2 (two) board appointments. **Commissioner Weber** questioned how many candidates would be on the list and if they are qualified to be on the Vaughn Cascade Water & Sewer Board?

Roger Witt stated that the list would have 6 (six) qualified candidates to choose from to fill the 2 (two) positions. And he was just asking the Commission to assist them in recommending the candidates, and then by doing this George Duffy or Nancy Ackerson would not contest it or file a lawsuit.

Commissioner Briggs announced that he felt the Commission has been walking in the gray area as far as the Vaughn Cascade County Water & Sewer Boards appointments according to the statutes. He felt that this is a step forward to helping this Board to function.

It was decided to provide the Commission with a qualified list of candidates that they could interview, and make recommendations to the Vaughn Cascade County Water & Sewer Board. It was also noted that George Duffy would abstain from voting.

Commissioner Weber informed the group of an upcoming February 9th training on board leadership and process being conducted by Dan Clark or the Local Government Center. She encouraged the existing Vaughn Water & Sewer board members and interested folks to attend.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.